

**Announcements from Assessment & Accountability – located within the Division of Accountability Services (DAS) – Week of March 10, 2014**

There are **FOUR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: **1)** Reminder -- The WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Additional Material Ordering Window closes on March 14; **2)** Kindergarten Entry Assessment Fall 2014 Field Test; **3)** FAME Project Now Accepting New Coach Applications; and, **4)** Field Test of the *Michigan Arts Education Program Review Tool* – Registration Open Now.

**1) Reminder -- The WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Additional Material Ordering Window closes on March 14**

The last day to order any additional WIDA ACCESS for ELLs materials from MetriTech is Friday, March 14. If you need any additional materials, please use the Additional Materials Order Form that was sent with your initial materials. Ordering from MetriTech may be done by phone at (800) 747-4868, by fax at (217) 398-5798, or by e-mail at [wida@metritech.com](mailto:wida@metritech.com).

**2) Kindergarten Entry Assessment Fall 2014 Field Test**

Michigan Department of Education's Division of Accountability Services (DAS) is looking for teachers to participate in the Fall 2014 Field Test of the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA). Michigan is using the Teaching Strategies GOLD online assessment for its KEA. For more information about Teaching Strategies GOLD online, visit their website at <http://www.teachingstrategies.com/page/GOLD-assessment-online.cfm>.

Participating teachers will receive two days of web-based, online professional development prior to the assessment window. Teachers can earn 12 SCECHs for participating in the professional development. The test window is September 2 to October 31, 2014. Teachers must be registered and trained prior to the test window.

Please visit the KEA webpage, [www.michigan.gov/kea](http://www.michigan.gov/kea), for more information about the KEA, to learn more about its many benefits, and to sign up for the fall field test.

**3) FAME Project Now Accepting New Coach Applications – Deadline is Friday, April 25, 2014**

The Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) project is entering its 7<sup>th</sup> year and is seeking interested educators who would like to lead a learning team of teachers to explore, implement, and reflect on formative assessment practices in their classrooms. FAME coaches are not expected to be the local expert on formative assessment, rather FAME coaches are learners along with their learning team.

More information on the FAME project and access to the 2014-15 New FAME Coach Application is available on the BAA Formative Assessment Process page [www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment](http://www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment). The deadline to apply is Friday, April 25, 2014. If you have questions regarding FAME, please contact Kimberly Young, MDE/BAA at [youngk1@michigan.gov](mailto:youngk1@michigan.gov) or 517.373.0988.

**4) Field Test of the *Michigan Arts Education Program Review Tool* – Registration Open Now**

Schools are invited to participate in the spring 2014 field test of the *Michigan Arts Education Program Review Tool* created by the Michigan Arts Education Instruction and Assessment (MAEIA) Project. The field test includes two approaches:

- “Volunteer” component that is open to all schools in Michigan. Districts may have several schools

participate, but each school must register separately. To register, please go to: [https://survey.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_4TweX2QBGpczIJ7](https://survey.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4TweX2QBGpczIJ7)

- Registration is open until March 21, 2014.
- The field test window is March 7 - May 2, 2014. After registering, schools may complete the *Michigan Arts Education Program Review Tool* at any time during this window.
- **“Random Sample”** component that targets a representative sample of schools in Michigan. Selected schools will be contacted by staff of the MAEIA Project to be invited to participate in the random sample component of the field test.

Please visit the link below for more information about the field test.

<http://mi-arts.wikispaces.com/Arts+Education+Program+Review+Tool+Work+Page> or contact Kathy Humphrey, MAEIA PRT Field Test Coordinator at [kathyhumphrey42@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhumphrey42@gmail.com).

### **Have Other Questions?**

For assessment questions, please email [BAA@michigan.gov](mailto:BAA@michigan.gov).

For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.